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Country: Germany/Russian Zone

Subject: Explosions Observed at Schleife

Info. Date: [REDACTED]

Evaluation: [REDACTED]

Reference No: [REDACTED]

The following report is a supplement [REDACTED] and should be read in connection therewith.

1. Informants returned to [REDACTED] November. A detonation occurred at [REDACTED] hours substantially with the same phenomena as earlier reported. There was a yellow-streaked ball of red fire, and a red yellow spray twice as high as the fire ball. The ball rose and descended in about ten seconds followed by a loud bang rather than a detonation. The sight was observed approximately 1,000 meters from the factory.

2. A forger (SED member) at the plant confirmed informants' theory that the blasts are not being caused by ammunition. He said that old ammunition is delivered to the plant for cover purposes while actually new inventions are developed and tested. The tests are interrupted from time to time to insure belief in cover story among local residents. Some equipment was removed but greater part of the plant is intact.

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